

Program Research-Based Learning

Starting in Summer Semester 2021, the University of Oldenburg will establish the grant program Research-Based Learning, supported by the Fund for Improvement of Study Conditions (*Studienqualitätsmittel*). This program will serve as an extension of the project Research-Based Learning in Focus – FLiF (2011 – 2020, funded by BMBF's Quality Pact for Teaching, *Qualitätspakt Lehre*) and will support activities related to research-based learning.

Research-based learning refers to the following practice: Students design, perform and reflect on the research process and its fundamental phases (e.g., finding a research question, collecting and analyzing data, presenting results) and do so apart from their final theses. For more information this approach, please refer to [University guidelines on research-based learning](#) (currently available only in German).

Research-Based Learning is promoted by the following means:

- 1) Research-Based Learning grants for instructional projects:** Each semester, instructors can apply for funding for their courses or other activities related to research-based learning (for instance, hiring student assistants, material or other associated costs). The application deadlines are January and June.
Max. funding per project: €3,000.
- 2) Grants for student project researching a particular topic:** Each year, a topic will be assigned and students—individually or as group—can apply with a research proposal, which can be carried out as an extracurricular research project. If approved, such projects will be funded by hiring students as assistants and/or through reimbursement of material or other associated costs. In 2020, the topic was "The Impact of the Coronavirus;" in 2021, the topic is "Future." The deadline for applications is January.
Maximum funding per project: €5,000
- 3) Grants for presenting research at conferences:** Students invited to present their own research findings at conferences and professional meetings can apply for partial financial support for such trips. Please note: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are only supporting presentations at online conferences. Application period: ongoing.
- 4) Funding for material and other costs in research projects:** To support research projects carried out in groups or as part of university courses (excluding final theses), students can apply for funding for material resources.
Application period: ongoing.
Maximum funding per project: €500.
- 5) Teaching and learning in higher education:** The qualification program Research-Based Learning assists instructors (through workshops or peer teaching observation) in implement learning through research in their department or in their own courses.

For [more information and calls for grant proposals](#), please refer to our website.

This program will be piloted for three years in the current form, after which it will be evaluated and, if necessary, adapted.

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